

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new Claims 49-55 as follows.

Claims 1-48. (Cancelled).

49. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processings of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after baking, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

50. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processings of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a gettering chamber for gettering the panel member transferred thereto after baking, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after gettering, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

51. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processings of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a surface cleaning chamber for cleaning the surface of the panel member transferred thereto after baking, a gettering chamber for gettering the panel member transferred thereto after surface cleaning, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after gettering, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

52. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means,

and performing a plurality of processings of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a surface cleaning chamber for cleaning the surface of the panel member transferred thereto after baking, a pre-gettering chamber for gettering the inside of the processing chamber to which the panel member is transferred after surface cleaning, a gettering chamber for gettering the panel member transferred thereto after pre-gettering, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after gettering, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

53. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processing of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a pre-gettering chamber for gettering the inside of the processing chamber to which the panel member is transferred after baking, a gettering chamber for gettering the panel member transferred thereto after pre-gettering the panel member transferred thereto after pre-gettering, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after gettering, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that

a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

54. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processings of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a cooling chamber for cooling the panel member transferred thereto after baking, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after cooling, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.

55. (New) A method of manufacturing an image display device comprising successively transferring a panel member, comprising a panel of the image display device, to a plurality of reduced-pressure processing chambers each comprising temperature control means, and performing a plurality of processing of the panel member under temperature control to form a panel;

wherein the plurality of processing chambers include a baking chamber for baking the panel member, a cooling chamber for cooling the panel member transferred thereto after baking, a gettering chamber for gettering the panel member transferred thereto after

cooling, and a sealing chamber for sealing the panel member transferred thereto after gettering, and the processing in each of the plurality of processing chambers is performed so that a pressure in each of the processing chambers is set to a pressure not more than that in the previous chamber in the transfer process.